Hike in prices non-scheduled formulations

1231. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of non-scheduled formulations whose prices have gone up more than 100 percent after the announcement of DPCO, 1987 and what are the names of the producers of each;

(b) when each producer submitted Form 2-A and what is the material cost and MAPE taken on each product;

(c) what is the name of bulk drug on which each product is based and whether the drug concerned is indigenously produced or imported one;

(d) what are the names of indigenous producers of each drug and what was the production of each during the last three years, year-wise, and in case of imported drugs what was the CIF price before and after increase of each drug; and

(e) what are the names of drugs being imported from their principals or associates ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (d) The number of Companies and the number of decontrolled madicines in various pack sizes and dosage forms produced by these companies would run into several thousands. The time and labour involved in the collection and compilation of this voluminous information will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved. However, as mentioned in the reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1607 dated 3-12-92, on the basis of a sample analysis, it was found that in only 12-13% cases of non-scheduled formulations the prices recorded an increase of more than 100% over their prices prevailing at the time of announcement of DPCO, '87.

(e) The imports by the drug companies either from their principals or their associates are not monitored by the Government.

Overcharging in drugs

1232. SHRI M.D. SALIM :
SHRI M.A. BABY :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some pharmaceutical units are overcharging users by 40 percent more for at least on 20 types of drugs; and

(b) if so, what steps are taken/proposed to be taken to stop the said overcharging ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) This Department received some complaints alleging overcharging of prices of certain bulk drugs. The names of these bulk drugs are given in the Statement (*see* below). As and when any complaints of alleged overcharging of bulk drugs and formulations is received, the same is forwarded to the concerned State Drug Control administration for investigation and necessary action under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

To the extent information is available, the State Drug Controller of Maharashtra filed complaints in Court of Law against 9 units including traders and manufacturers. The State Drug Controller, Gujarat, has also initiated action against 3 units on account of overcharging of prices.

Statement

Sr. No.	Name of the Bulk Drug
1.	Vitamin C Plain
2.	Vitamin C Coated
3.	Sodium Ascorbate
4.	Prednisolone
5.	Rifampicin
6.	Erythromycin Stearate
7.	Ampicillin Trihydrate
8.	Trimethoprim
9.	Metronidazole
10.	Metronidazole Benzoate
11.	Pyrazinamide
12.	Di Ethyl Carbamazine Citrate
13.	Ethambutol Hcl

14. Cloxacillin Sodium (Oral Grade)
15. Chloroquine Phosphate
16. Sulphamethoxazole
17. Tetracycline Hcl.
18. Analgin
19. Amoxycillin Trihydrate
20. Cephalexin.

1233. [*Transferred to 12th March,* 1993].

Recovery from Drug Companies

1234. SHRI M.D. SALIM :
SHRI ASHIS SEN :
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are to recover over Rs. 256.85 crore from drug companies towards the Drug Price Equalisation Account under the 1979 DPCO;

(b) if so, the amounts have so far been recovered; and

(c) what amount is yet to be recovered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) So far an amount of Rs. 17.89 crore has been recovered and a tentative amount of Rs. 238.97 crore is further to be recovered from the drug companies.

Size of Indian Navy

1235. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that naval experts have stressed the need to double the size of Indian Navy;

(b) if so, whether Government have accepted the need to double the size of the navy; and

(c) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) to (c) The size and strength of the Navy is determined in accordance with a Perspective *Plan and the Annual Plans drawn up for* the purpose, taking into account the geostrategic environment, the threat perception, the maritime interests of the Nation, and the likely tasks that the Navy may be called upon to perform and the resources available.

SC/ST posts in the Ordnance Depot of Delhi

1236. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some vacancies of SC/ST categories under the Special Drive programme of the Group 'D' posts were not filled in the Ordnance Depots, Delhi due to ban by the Ministry; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof and what action is being contemplated in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) and (b) The SC/ST candidates selected for Group D posts under Special Recruitment Drive in Ordnance Depot, Delhi would be allowed to join after clearance of the Ministry of Finance has been obtained.

French Hunter in Pak Navy

1237. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report appearing in Statesman recently that the French built mine hater is being inducted into the Pak Navy; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard and the steps proposed to be taken by Government to counter such move ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government constantly monitor all developments that have a bearing